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**SUPPLEMENTAL RESPONSE**

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Dear Sir:

Applicant is herewith responding to the Notification of Missing Requirements - Filing Date Granted dated November 3, 2000. The Notification of Missing Requirements required a multiple dependent claim surcharge fee of \$260.00. Applicant filed an amendment on November 15, 2000 canceling all multiple dependent claims.

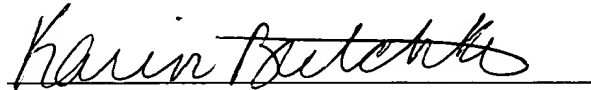
Applicant previously filed a preliminary amendment on September 26, 2000 to remove multiple dependent claims. In the preliminary amendment, Applicant amended the claims as originally filed, not the later amended claims. Therefore, the preliminary amendment was not

effective in removing the multiple dependent claims. However, the multiple dependent claims have been removed by the amendment filed on November 15, 2000. Therefore, no further fee is required. The Commissioner is authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 50-1482, in the name of Carlson, Gaskey & Olds, P.C., for any additional fees or credit the account for any overpayment.

Applicant respectfully requests examination of this application.

Respectfully Submitted,

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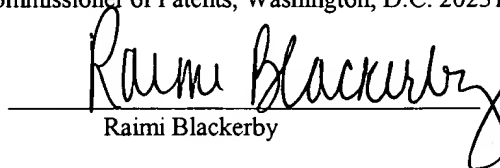
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